



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5284**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING A LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR GRADUATES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The Board of Governors  
2       of Higher Education, in consultation with the Commissioners of Social  
3       Services and Public Health and the Board of Trustees of The University  
4       of Connecticut, shall, within available appropriations, establish a  
5       program for the forgiveness of loans provided by the state to residents  
6       receiving a doctorate of dental medicine from The University of  
7       Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. The loans shall be forgiven if  
8       the resident remains in the dental field in Connecticut for five years  
9       serving only clients who are HUSKY Plan participants or remains in  
10      the dental field in Connecticut for ten years serving clients of whom  
11      fifty per cent or more are HUSKY Plan participants. Recipients of loan  
12      forgiveness shall have loans that qualify for forgiveness under the  
13      program forgiven based upon the following schedule: (1) Ten per cent  
14      forgiveness of the total amount borrowed and qualified for under the  
15      program upon the completion of one years' service pursuant to the  
16      program; (2) twenty-five per cent forgiveness of the total amount  
17      borrowed and qualified for under the program upon the completion of  
18      two years' service pursuant to the program; (3) forty-five per cent  
19      forgiveness of the total amount borrowed and qualified for under the

20 program upon the completion of three years' service pursuant to the  
 21 program; (4) seventy per cent forgiveness of the total amount  
 22 borrowed and qualified for under the program upon the completion of  
 23 four years' service pursuant to the program; and (5) one hundred per  
 24 cent forgiveness of the total amount borrowed and qualified for under  
 25 the program upon the completion of five years' service pursuant to the  
 26 program. Annually, the Board of Governors of Higher Education shall  
 27 permit not more than fifteen Doctors of Dental Medicine to enter such  
 28 program. The Board of Governors, in consultation with the  
 29 Commissioners of Social Services and Public Health and the Board of  
 30 Trustees of The University of Connecticut, shall adopt regulations in  
 31 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes to  
 32 establish procedures to administer the program.

33 (b) The Department of Social Services shall apply for any federal  
 34 funds available for purposes of the program established pursuant to  
 35 subsection (a) of this section, including any federal reimbursement  
 36 under the HUSKY Plan.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2007	New section

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<b>HS</b>	<i>Joint Favorable C/R</i>	APP